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HOUSE BILL **1169**

AN ACT relative to notification waiting periods to the underground utility damage prevention laws.

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ANALYSIS

This bill shortens the minimum excavation notice period from 72 to 48 hours, excluding weekends and 6 holidays, and extends the validity of excavation notifications from 30 days to one year if site conditions remain unchanged.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT relative to notification waiting periods to the underground utility damage prevention laws.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Notification by Excavator. Amend RSA 374:51, II to read as follows:

2 II. At least [~~72~~] **48** hours before a proposed excavation, but not including Saturdays,
3 Sundays, [~~and legal holidays~~] **or Christmas, New Years Day, Thanksgiving, Memorial Day,**
4 **July 4th, known as Independence Day, and Labor Day**, each person required to give notice of an
5 excavation shall notify the damage prevention system referred to in RSA 374:49. Such notice shall
6 occur no more than 30 days before the proposed excavation is to be made.

7 2 Notification by Excavator. Amend RSA 374:51, VI to read as follows:

8 VI. The excavator's notification shall be valid for [~~30 calendar days~~] **one year** from the date
9 and time of confirmation of notification by the underground facility damage prevention system **as**
10 **long as no utility alterations have been made at the excavation location during the one-**
11 **year period.**

12 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.